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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Interview with [REDACTED] Management Staff.

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1. On 28 May 1957 I interviewed [REDACTED] Secretary to the Chief of the Management Staff. While I have no reason to believe that she was not completely honest and sincere during our conversation, she was guarded in her remarks; however, this is understandable because she felt that [REDACTED] was more or less on trial and did not want to be disloyal to him in any way.

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2. [REDACTED] believes that the Management Staff has better people than it used to have and that it has improved steadily under [REDACTED] leadership. However, she also believes that it has some people of questionable character but did not wish to elaborate on this point. She is very loyal to Mr. [REDACTED] and repeatedly stated that she had enjoyed working for him. She did say, however, that he was extremely caustic and that when he "bawled out" people she didn't understand how they ever recovered because he was so severe in his criticism. She said that she had had one personal experience in which [REDACTED] had taken her to task and that while she did not dispute the fact that he may have been justified in doing so she had resented--and always would--the manner in which he had done it.

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3. She said that she had always believed that [REDACTED] was loyal to [REDACTED] and did not know that there was anything wrong with their relationship until she typed his Fitness Report. She was unable to account for the break in their friendship and, in fact, thought that [REDACTED] work was a little better than that of most of the other analysts.

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4. She was extremely critical of [REDACTED] whom she described as being a very "oily" individual who barged in and out of [REDACTED] office at will whether or not other people were waiting. She said that Mr. [REDACTED] had a very high regard for [REDACTED] but that she did not. However, [REDACTED] in connection with the allegation that [REDACTED] showed partiality toward [REDACTED] by admitting her to his office at any time, [REDACTED] explained that this really was not [REDACTED] fault, but, rather, could be attributed to the brazen attitude of [REDACTED]

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5. She thinks that [REDACTED] is quite unhappy and implied that [REDACTED] were pretty close together in their thinking.

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6. She doesn't completely trust [REDACTED] and has warned Mr. [REDACTED] that he should watch him.

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7. She believes that [REDACTED] has had a fair deal but states that he is a sick man, that he is only on the job about three days a week, and that due to his illness he is unable to make a maximum contribution. She understands that he is financially able to retire and that he is going to do so sometime soon.

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8. She says that [REDACTED] has been transferred to the Records Management Staff and that in her opinion he is far superior to [REDACTED] and, in fact, should be able to do an adequate job for some time to come. 25X1A9a

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9. She referred to the fight between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in so doing indicated that she didn't trust [REDACTED] completely but said frankly that [REDACTED] was the most unprincipled man she had ever known in her life and that she had no respect for him whatever.

10. In response to my question as to whether or not [REDACTED] was on the job, she said that he was very definitely on the job, that he usually arrived in the office fifteen or twenty minutes late each morning, but that she did not consider this to be serious. She said that she always knew where he was and where she could reach him if necessary. I asked her whether he was always charged for sick or annual leave as appropriate when he was away and she assured me that he was. She did say, however, that she had, on his instructions, credited him with duty on a number of occasions when he was en route to New York because he had official papers with him which he planned to read during the trip. I asked her specifically if [REDACTED] had any drinking habits which influenced his work. At first she said that this was putting her on the spot and that she preferred not to answer the question. Later, however, she said that if anyone had charged that [REDACTED] was inebriated on the job this definitely was not true. If I meant whether he had a cocktail at lunch the answer might be different and she saw nothing wrong with this. Her final comment on this point was that in her opinion his drinking did not interfere with his work. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a 25X1A9a 25X1A

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